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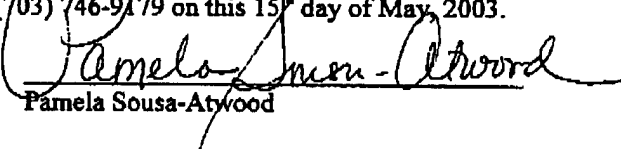
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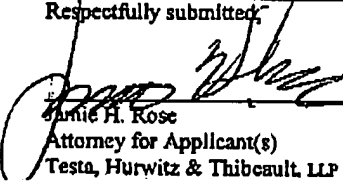
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on March 7, 2003, Applicants submit this Response. Applicants believe that no fees are due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected. Claims 10-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Examiner Interviews

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephonic interview with Examiner Nguyen on April 2, 2003 and the telephonic interview with Examiner Nguyen and his Supervisor on May 6, 2003. During the interviews, Applicants indicated that U.S. Patent No. 6,217,272 to Felsenthal et al. does not disclose all the features recited by independent claim 1, in part because